

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION to honor Tom Ardizzone for his
acts of bravery.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION to honor Tom Ardizone for his acts of bravery.

Whereas, Tom Ardizone is a loyal family man, dedicated to protecting his wife Shawn Ardizone, and their two sons Andrew and Luke Ardizone;

Whereas, as the family was preparing to leave their home for a Sunday morning outing, Tom and Shawn ran back into the house to quickly retrieve some forgotten items;

Whereas, as they were returning to the car, Tom and Shawn heard the engine rev and looked up in time to see a stranger drive away in their car with their two children in the back seat;

Whereas, acting quickly, Tom grabbed the keys to his wife's vehicle and gave chase to the carjacker, calling 911 for assistance during the pursuit which reached speeds of 100 mph;

Whereas, suddenly the thief veered off the road and jumped into an accomplice's vehicle that was idling on the side of the road;

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Whereas, focused on protecting his children, Tom then positioned his vehicle between the car with his children and the thief's get away vehicle. As he sat preparing to react to the criminal's next move, he was not expecting the carjacker to pull out a gun and begin shooting;

Whereas, Tom was hit by one of the bullets in the right side. Despite being shot and injured, Tom continued to defend his children until the carjacker and his accomplice sped away from the scene;

Whereas, fortunately the children were unharmed during the incident and Tom's injuries were not life-threatening;

Whereas, the teenage carjacker and accomplice were apprehended that same afternoon in another stolen vehicle; and

Whereas, the Ardizones hope that their story will serve as a reminder to parents to never leave children unattended in a car: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate recognizes Tom Ardizone's
- 2 acts of bravery in the defense of his family.
- 3 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 4 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Mr. Tom Ardizone and his family
- 5 and the Marion County Prosecutor's Office.

